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Part IV—Section 2

Tamil Nadu Acts and Ordinances

The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 6th August 2026 and is hereby published for general information:—

ACT No. 12 OF 2026.

An Act further to amend the Tamil Nadu Appointment on preferential basis in the Services under the State of Persons Studied in Tamil Medium Act, 2010.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Appointment on preferential basis in the Services under the State of Persons Studied in Tamil Medium (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2026.

(2) Section 2 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 7th day of September 2010 and the remaining sections of this Act shall come into force at once.

Tamil Nadu Act 40 of 2010.

Amendment of section 2.

2. In section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Appointment on preferential basis in the Services under the State of Persons Studied in Tamil Medium Act, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"(a) "direct recruitment" means appointment of a person to a post in any of the services under the State in accordance with the rules or regulations or orders in force, through an open competitive examination, interview or both, but does not include appointment by recruitment by transfer.

Explanation.— For the purpose of this clause, "recruitment by transfer" shall have the same meaning assigned in clause (s) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016 (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 2016);".

Amendment of section 3.

3. In section 3 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(1-A) A person appointed on preferential basis to a post in any of the services under the State in the preferential vacancies set apart under sub-section (1) shall not be entitled to compete for such vacancies again, save in a post carrying a higher level of pay:

Provided that this sub-section shall not apply in respect of preferential vacancies that have been notified before the date of publication of the Tamil Nadu Appointment on preferential basis in the Services under the State of Persons Studied in Tamil Medium (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2026 in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.".

Validation.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, or in any judgment, decree or order of any Court or other authority, any notification issued inviting applications for recruitment in any of the services under the State wherein preferential vacancies have been set apart under section 3 of the principal Act or any appointment of a person, who has already been in service under the State, in such preferential vacancies and anything done or any action taken on the basis of such notification, appointment during the period commencing on the 7th day of September 2010 and ending with the date of the publication of this Act in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*, shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be and to have always been validly issued, made, done or taken in accordance with law, as if the principal Act, as amended by section 2 of this Act, had been in force at all material times when such notification has been issued and appointment has been made and such thing done, or action taken.

(By order of the Governor)

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